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Chance to enhance North Quay



■ HIGH HOPES: North Quay from the council offices (left) towards the old Fire Station where a Georgian redevelopment scheme could link it to the harbour

A GEORGIAN-style development is being investigated to embrace most of North Quay in Weymouth.

Councillors have now backed the sale of the council offices and this unlocks the potential for a linked redevelopment along with the old Fire Station site.

This would allow the whole sweep of the harbourside to be considered together in the hope that an overall development look can be achieved.

Proposals seeking to recreate the historic townscape could see scores of apartments built on the harbour edge with the ex-

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isting road either diverted to follow the line of the old High Street or narrowed and paved to provide a joint route for vehicles and pedestrians.

Weymouth and Portland environment spokesman Councillor Ian Roebuck said: "This is a spectacular waterside site which lends itself not only to apartments but to restaurants and similar businesses.

"We want residents and visitors to be able to enjoy the vista without it being

blighted by brutalist buildings which totally disregard the scale and character of a beautiful working harbour.

"It would be criminal to redevelop in an impersonal high-rise way which would ignore our heritage and lose the chance to recreate the bustling attraction of a harbour edge.

"It is not too unkind to compare the council offices with a toad squatting along North Quay, and

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Born in Dorchester in 1963, Caroline Paul was just 18 months old when her family moved to a run-down 300-year-old property near Cerne Abbas. Nearly 50 years later, Caroline still lives there with her parents and teenage son, running it as Giants Head Caravan & Camping Park – a “rural touring park for healthy walking types.” Leaving behind a career as an independent financial advisor, Caroline began running Treasure Trails Dorset five years ago.

■ WHAT are treasure trails?

There are more than 55 walking, driving, cycling and bus treasure trails across Dorset. Each trail has clues that you need to find and solve to lead you around a route.

They are designed to show you the best historic and picturesque sights of a location, whilst entertaining the whole family at once. The trails involve either solving a murder mystery, following a treasure hunt or carrying out a 'James Bond' style spy mission. Each answer eliminates a suspect or a location until you are left with just one - the whodunnit, the location of the hidden treasure or the code to deactivate the device.

They are award-winning activities that get the whole family out and about exploring.

■ HOW did you get involved with them?

I first met Steve Ridd, who started Treasure Trails in Cornwall, at an air show in 2004. Steve stood out because of his lively, fun attitude. I bought a couple of trails and both were fantastic. Steve emailed me a few months later to say he was looking for someone to write trails in Dorset and would I be interested. As my parents were getting a bit older I thought it would be a great thing for me to do, to reduce my hours as a financial adviser and work from home writing the trails while helping them with the holiday park.

■ HAVE you always enjoyed walks and the countryside?

I have always been a country girl and have always loved the countryside. My favourite trails are those that explore some of the lesser-known villages. I love to find out all I can about the history, local stories and any gossip from the locals.

■ HOW do people respond to the walks?

I do get some great feedback from Trailers. Here are a few: “Absolutely fantastic! This is the third one I have done with the kids, fabulous!” (Swanage 4 Kids Trail). “Did it with friends on a brief holiday in Weymouth and they loved it - saw things we would normally miss!” (Weymouth Town). “A lovely way of exploring different places and noticing things overlooked before.” (Bridport Town)

■ **HAS anyone got horribly lost following your clues?** Not that I am aware of – or maybe they are still lost! After I have written the trails I always, without exception have



someone else to check them. I give them the trail and I follow behind with a clipboard taking notes just in case I have written “go left” and it should be “go right”.

■ HOW do you find new routes or themes?

I have so many trails that I want to write. Whenever I am out I very often divert off the main road down narrow roads looking for new places to explore, you wouldn't believe what can be hidden away. Dorset is just wonder-

ful for all those hidden secrets. Who has lived here, who was born here and who is buried here, but I am not going to tell you any secrets, you will have to check out my trails! I also get asked by people to write new trails.

Sometimes it is possible but in some cases although they live in a lovely part of Dorset there is just not quite enough to write a full trail, so I make a note and keep these for future driving trails.

■ WHAT is your favourite journey in the world?

My father had always wanted to go across the Rockies in Canada before he got too old (he's 81 now) so about five years ago I arranged for him, his older(!) brother, my son and myself to go. We went over Christmas and it was fantastic. My mother decided to stay home as she could see how much work it would be looking after two pensioners who have spent nearly 80 years squabbling (like brothers do) and a teenager. I still think this was my favourite journey.

■ WHO living or dead would you most like to go on a walk with?

I suppose I could be really corny and say Pierce Brosnan because he could rescue me with one of his James Bond manoeuvres but that would be fibbing. It's Pierce Brosnan because he is just gorgeous to all us middle-aged women.

■ WHAT would be your ideal destination after a long walk?

Back home to one of my mum's roast dinners – yum.

■ DO you Sat Nav?

Only when I have to, I am a country girl and a lot of this techy stuff goes way over my head, I have only just learnt how to turn on my son's iPhone and that is as far as I have got with it.

■ WHAT is your earliest memory?

I can remember sitting in a pram or pushchair passing lots of metal railings. Apparently before I moved from Dorchester my mother used to walk with me by the Dorchester Hospital where there were lots of metal railings.

■ WHEN is the last time you had to say sorry?

Sorry, me? You've got to have done something wrong to say sorry! Only joking, probably to my son, I seem to say sorry to him every day but I really don't know why, maybe to try and keep the peace when he is having one of his teenage tantrums.

Trails can be download from www.treasuretrails.co.uk or available in booklet format from Tourist Information Centres and various retail outlets or direct from Treasure Trails Dorset.

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End of an era as councillors vote to close the Pavilion

... but a community group waits in the wings hoping to take on the lease

WEYMOUTH Pavilion will close on May 31st but councillors are backing a community group to take over future running of the troubled complex.

The decision made by a full meeting of Weymouth and Portland council delighted Weymouth businessman Phil Say, whose Save the Pavilion group could run the building, once a lease tender process favouring community use is completed.

He told the **View**: "We are very pleased that the council has backed a community group running the Pavilion as soon as possible after it closes on May 31st.

"I will now be talking with council officers about submitting a tender for Save the Pavilion to run the Pavilion, but we need to know what is required of a tender first."

Nearly 150 people cheered Mr Say when they packed into the meeting which had been specially switched from the Guildhall to the Pavilion Ocean Room to fit everyone in.

He said that the Pavilion was vital to Weymouth and that there was widespread support for it to be "run by the community for the community. Please give the community a chance."

When they will get that chance was hotly debated with concerns that the switch take place as quickly as possible

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without being unduly delayed by the tender process.

Councillor Ian Roebuck's amendment to speed up the tender process was lost despite Councillor John Birtwistle highlighting many people's concerns when he said the Spanish had a word called "manana", meaning not today, "but the council doesn't have a word which conveys that sense of urgency!"

EXTRA TIME

Early speakers included AsOne Theatre Company artistic director Jane McKell who was cheered when she presented a petition calling for a period of one financial year before the council closed the Pavilion. The extra time would ensure the best options for the Pavilion were explored, she said, adding that it was "not sensible" to shut the Pavilion at the start of the 2013 summer season.

Another cheer came for Alderman Peter Rendall when he said "the show must go on", urging a smooth transition to a community-run Pavilion. It shouldn't be boarded up with signs about dog security patrols, he said, because "what sort of

message will that send about our Olympic legacy?"

Friends of Weymouth Pavilion chairman Cathy Page-Nash said she had a list of more than 5,000 names who wanted to help with the Pavilion as patrons, with skills, as seat sponsors or by holding events.

She added: "Come on! Let's have the theatre open as a focal point for the town during the summer."

Exmouth businessman Paul Eden said he was there because clients of his Holidays for Dancers business were so concerned at the potential loss of the Pavilion. He said it would be "total commercial suicide" to close it while waiting for tenders and he added that he and others could put together a plan to let the Pavilion break even in 18 months.

Senior Weymouth TIC advisor Mike Deadman said TIC staff had "specialist knowledge you can't buy" and he was cheered when he said the TIC had a big role in helping the local economy.

Finance spokesman Councillor Peter Chapman said this council budget came at a time of "unprecedented change" and that theatres were struggling to face "a digital onslaught". A community run approach offered the best hope for the Pavilion.

The council's budget reflected the chal-

lenges facing Weymouth and Portland, he said, adding that a change to all-out elections would do away with the "idioty" of just electing one third of councillors each year.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Ray Banham got the biggest cheer of the night when he said closing the Pavilion on May 31st would be "economic suicide".

But he still lost his amendment to keep it open until the end of September after Tourism spokesman Councillor Ian Bruce warned that doing so could mean Phil Say's offer "may not be there". He added that he was also talking with another group which could work with Mr Say to run the Pavilion.

The Labour group had earlier protested that "Our hands are tied" over the budget and voted against it, but the meeting finally approved it on an 18-15 vote.

The meeting knew it had to make brutal cuts to try and balance the books and among other decisions on the night were to sell off the Guildhall and its own council offices, cut the CCTV budget by £100,000, close TIC centres in Weymouth and on Portland and increase council tax by 1.99 per cent or about £4.15 on a Band B property. Members also backed moving to all-out elections in 2015 and reducing the number of councillors.

Community combats anti-social behaviour

DISPERSAL powers are being brought in to help authorities combat anti-social behaviour on the Little-moor estate in Weymouth.

Use of the powers has been agreed by Dorset Police, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland councils under Section 30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Officers will be able to use these dispersal powers to direct anyone behaving inappropriately away from the area.

The dispersal order will start tomorrow on March 1st and will remain in force until September 1st, allowing police to disperse groups of two or more people who are acting anti-socially or who are likely to cause distress to other people by their presence or behaviour.

Georgian redevelopment hopes for North Quay

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they are monstrously inefficient for an organisation looking forward. I think that few if any residents would mourn their removal.

"Now that the old Fire Station has become redundant we have a real chance to treat the whole sweep of North Quay as an opportunity to emphasise the unique character of our town.

"The decision by the Planning Inspector to back our refusal of the original plans for the redevelopment of the Fire Station shows that others recognise the importance of this area and we are looking to work with the architects to come up with sympathetic schemes right the way along North Quay.

Mr Roebuck and environment director David Evans said plans for the area are already being drawn up, could go to councillors in April and be finalised as early as May.

Mr Evans said: "If you stand on Town Bridge and look left you have a lovely Georgian sweep of historic buildings, but to the right are the council offices and the old fire station. It is chalk and cheese.

"What we hope to do is embrace both the council offices and old fire station sites in a single look to complement the whole harbourside, to continue that sensitive Georgian look right along to Boot Hill and create a truly spectacular harbourside in the character of Weymouth.

"To achieve this we need an historic look, perhaps recreating the line of the old High Street to take both pedestrians and vehicular traffic or perhaps keeping the existing road but with a reduced carriageway width and a greater emphasis on quality paving.

"There is no intention to use High West Street as a through route for cars because we want it to retain its pedestrian character with the historic Boot pub and Old Town Hall at its heart.

"It is early days but we want to create something which reflects the scale, grain and character of historic Weymouth."



■ SEVENTH BEST: Weymouth and Portland Information manager Lindi Parmley (left), Councillor Ian Bruce and events manager Charlie Sheppard celebrate Weymouth Beach's success.

Thumbs up from tourists for Weymouth beach

WEYMOUTH beach has been voted the seventh best in the UK by members of the world's largest travel site TripAdvisor.

Dorset also managed two other beaches in the top ten with Hengistbury Head, Bournemouth, in fifth and Sandbanks, Poole, placed eighth. Top came Rhossili Bay near Swansea.

The news delighted Weymouth and Portland Tourism spokesman Councillor Ian Bruce who said:

"This is a well deserved reward for all the hard work put in by our tourism team.

"Rather than being something awarded by professionals, this honour underlines the support given us by our wonderful tourists which has seen this resort receive the recognition it deserves."

Weymouth's top flight placing came in the 2013 Travellers' Choice Beach Awards which are

based entirely on feedback from millions of TripAdvisor travellers.

TripAdvisor spokesman Emma Shaw said: "These awards recognise the best beaches in the UK and beyond, according to those that really matter.

"Travellers have visited these beaches and given them the highest levels of praise.

"It's great to see Dorset coming up trumps."

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on the birth of your 5th Great Grand Child
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Lots of love Deb & Chris

16 **Happy 16th Birthday**
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Lots of love Mum, Dad & Jack x x x

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BUTT & BRUCE CONGRATULATIONS
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MIA-ROSE
on the 19th, Lots of love Auntie Deb & Uncle Chris

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HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY JACK
4 ON MARCH 5TH
*Love you lots from Nana,
Hayley & Grandad Paul x x x*

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Rise in fire authority charge of 9.5p a week

DORSET Fire Authority approved a rise in the amount it will charge Dorset residents of under a fiver a year.

The service says the 9.5 pence per week increase will help protect frontline services.

Chairman of Dorset Fire Authority, Councillor Rebecca Knox, said: "The Dorset Fire Authority recognises that there is a need to keep household bills as low as possible but that without this small increase of 9.5p per week, the fire and rescue service here in Dorset - for which we are all rightly proud - would find it difficult to maintain the essential

services it provides. Even with this increase we are still well below the average fire and rescue service pre-cept level, plus we will still face a £2m shortfall over the coming years."

Chief Fire Officer, Darran Gunter says the service has already identified over £4m of savings per year by 2015/16, a 14 per cent reduction in the budget, and cumulatively the savings over £29m up to and including 2016/17.

Senior management posts have been reduced and some support functions have already been downsized or outsourced, including legal

services, payroll and pensions management, democratic services and procurement.

"We have recently agreed the next stage of our efficiency programme which will involve examining opportunities for income generation and fuller cost recovery, further collaboration with neighbouring fire and rescue services and the benefits of shared support services alongside our ongoing efficiency savings. Members and Officers are determined that everything possible will be done before reductions are made in frontline services," said Mr Gunter.

Is that cigarette you are smoking legal?

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to tackle illegal tobacco trade in Dorset and the South West.

Organisers claim that almost 2 in 10 smokers in Dorset now smoke illegal tobacco - giving the trade in the South West an equivalent value of £211m at retail prices.

On Monday Smokefree South West launched a multi-partnership initiative as part of on-going efforts to tackle the illegal tobacco trade in the South West.

The partnership claims that illegal tobacco brings criminals into local communities and into contact with children. As well as being unregulated, illegal tobacco is often bought at 'pocket money prices', selling for less than half the tax-paid price of legally sold tobacco. This attracts younger smokers and allows those who could otherwise not afford to

smoke, to maintain their habit and undermining their attempts to quit.

In Dorset, 6 out of 10 people believe that illegal tobacco poses a real danger to children and over 6 out of 10 illegal tobacco smokers agree that the reduced price of illegal tobacco products allows them to smoke when they otherwise could not afford to.

Smokefree South West Director, Fiona Andrews said: "Significant progress has been made since February 2011 when we first launched the campaign to tackle the problem of illegal tobacco across the South West. Our collective efforts to tackle illegal tobacco are having a big effect, but more can be done."

South West spokesman for HM Revenue & Customs, Bob Gaiger said: "The trade in illegal tobacco across the South West is a very real problem, one that through this part-

nership initiative we are tackling, but there is more still to be done. Illegal tobacco is often the first stage in a chain of illegal trades that fund criminality.

"These criminals smuggle tobacco and cigarettes illegally into the country. Some of these will be counterfeit and will have been manufactured in completely unregulated environments to be sold at knock-down prices. They do not care about the impact on local businesses, your neighbourhood or your children's lives, targeting anyone and anywhere they can make money."

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Bench honours local heroes

■ **PLACE FOR REFLECTION:** Peter Finney unveils the new figures and portrait bench attraction

A PORTRAIT bench has been unveiled in Weymouth as part of an innovative national art project developed by the charity Sustrans to immortalise local people who have played a key role in the life of their local communities.

A fisherman, a coast-guard and a lifeboat coxswain were chosen by local people for the three life-size two-dimensional steel figures that will stand alongside a simple wooden bench installed alongside the Rodwell Trail near Abbotbury Road.

The portrait bench also celebrates the development of a new walking and cycling network for Weymouth which has recently seen a much needed bridge over Newstead Road and new and safer crossing at Ferrybridge.

Kevin Humphreys from Sustrans said: "We know that people are more likely to walk or cycle for their everyday journeys when they find the environment around them attractive and interesting. I'm delighted that the local community has adopted it as part of

their community garden initiative."

County highways spokesman Councillor Peter Finney said: "The Portrait Bench will provide another focal point along this popular route and will encourage people to stop and reflect on Weymouth and Portland's maritime past, present and future."

"Early results from Trail work are very encouraging. Bridging the gap at Newstead Road has led to a 77 percent increase in cycle usage while the new safer crossing at Ferrybridge has seen a 42 percent increase in cycling. It demonstrates a growing demand for good cycling infrastructure."

Sustrans South West re-

gional director Adrian Roper said: "The three figures look really good."

"They are designed to attract attention and encourage people to use the Trail more and they will also provide another focal point for people."

The figures were funded with £5,000 of Big Lottery Fund cash.



■ **WE LOVE IT:** Youngsters enjoy the new figures and portrait bench

World record attempt jigsaw cutting

A JIGSAW expert is attempting to cut a 40,000-piece wooden puzzle starting tomorrow (Friday). Dave Evans will be making his attempt at Brewers Quay in Weymouth.

He first learned his craft at the renowned Victory puzzles based in Bournemouth which handed a copy of their best selling 1952 Coronation Puzzle to Her Majesty the Queen.

Dave is now attempting to recapture that moment with his 19ft x 8ft puzzle, featuring pictures and images taken of the Queen during her very successful Diamond Jubilee of 2012.

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Members of the public have been sending in their photos taken of street parties, the flotilla, festivals and events held in honour of the Queen last year.

Dave hopes to be moving into the front section of Brewer's Quay, formerly Art Wey Gallery, to coincide with the launch of the new Antiques Emporium that is opening over Easter.

Dave said: "The jigsaw will be made up primarily of images sup-

plied by the general public which is why we're going to call it The People's Puzzle.

"I'm one of the few people who are professionally trained to hand cut jigsaws and I wanted to leave a legacy."

"Everyone's welcome to come down to Brewer's Quay to witness me in my Guinness world record breaking attempt free of charge."

There has already been international interest from Canada and the USA which has meant that Dave is setting up a broadband connection to livestream over 200 hours of cutting via the internet.



■ **JIGSAW CUTTING WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT:** Dave Evans at work

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Taxi driver punched

A TAXI driver has been attacked as he sat in his vehicle in Weymouth town centre. Police said the incident happened at about 1.50am on Wednesday February 20th on St. Edmund Street.

The victim, a 30-year-old Weymouth man, was sat in his taxi when an unknown man got in and became abusive.

He then punched the driver causing minor injuries and damage to his clothing. Officers said that the driver did not require hospital treatment and that no arrests had been made.

PC Adam Bayliss, of Weymouth Police, said: "This unprovoked attack has left the victim very shaken and I am appealing for witnesses to assist with our investigation."

"The victim has described the offender as a white man aged in his early twenties and around six feet tall with tattoos on his neck."

"He had cropped dark hair, spoke with a London accent and wore dark clothing. A second man is also believed to have been involved in this attack and he is described as black, aged in his twenties and wearing a white hooded top."

"Shortly after the incident, the pair met up with two women, one of whom ran off with one of the suspects towards Weymouth Town Bridge."

"The black male involved then got into a taxi with a woman which dropped them off along Pottery Lane."

"Witnesses and anyone with information about the assault or those involved are asked to contact police as soon as possible in the strictest confidence."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 20:20 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

More BID meetings as campaign gathers pace

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MORE meetings are planned after the initial one for the Weymouth Business Improvement District proved so successful.

Many business owners said they found the informal face-to-face style meeting very useful in forming ideas and questions around the possibility of having a BID in Weymouth.

So more meetings are now planned for Thursday, March 14th and Thursday, April 18th from 3.30pm-6pm at the William Henry pub in Weymouth where refreshments will be provided. These meetings are only for Weymouth businesses within the potential levy payment area.

BID marketing group manager Brian Cooper said: "It was really interesting to hear the ideas and

concerns directly from the businesses within the levy payment area."

"As a direct result of the meeting held on January 31st the Steering Group has listened to local business owners and made modifications to the Weymouth BID business plan which has been submitted to Weymouth and Portland council for review at their management committee meeting on March 5th."

"At that meeting the council's role will be to agree the business plan and check that it does not conflict with any local authority policies. It will also agree that the BID should conduct a ballot in May."

Weymouth BID chairman Nigel Reed said: "Following the council's management committee we can start working towards obtaining a YES vote for Weymouth. If successful, this would generate at least £300,000 a year for five years at a time when public funds are reducing."

"We are canvassing various groups of people over the next three months and today (Thursday) the Weymouth BID Steering Group will be meeting with students from Budmouth College who will hopefully be able to offer a younger person's view of the BID business plan and project."

Businesses are encouraged to come along to the March 14th BID meeting at the William Henry or call Nigel Reed on 07557 142906.



■ WORTH CONSIDERING Weymouth BID steering group member Joy Sangster of Dream Cottages and Dennis Spurr from the Fantastic Sausage Factory in Weymouth

Residents asked for views after councillors dismiss waymark designs

RESIDENTS are being asked for their views about designs proposed for new waymarks along the Weymouth and Portland Legacy Trail.

In 2012 planning permission was refused for a series of intrusive "red ring" interpretation-seating points which were scathingly described by councillors as viewing the landscape "through sewer pipes".

So comments have been taken on board and a new series of designs put forward using dry stone walling features and stone stacks and local materials with separate designs for each location to reflect the local environments.

The aim of the new waypoint designs are to provide an overall identity for the trail, reflect

different layers of rock on a walk through 20 million years of Jurassic time; and improve each area by providing seating, shelter and a focus for interpretation.

There will also be carving, Portland Stone insets, new habitats for people and wildlife and easy access.

The Trail runs from Littlemoor to Portland Bill and has a unique range of special landscapes and wildlife sites of both national and international importance including Lorton Valley Nature Park, the Weymouth Wetlands, Chesil Bank and Fleet Lagoon, Portland Harbour, Portland Quarries Nature Park and the Jurassic Coastline.

Wild About Weymouth and Portland hopes

the Legacy Trail will link the borough together through its outstanding wildlife sites, telling the stories of people, geology and wildlife that have created this unique landscape to provide a lasting legacy and a long term contribution to tourism in the area.

New and engaging information points or 'waypoints' are being created to raise awareness of

the special natural environment and encourage further exploration along the Trail and Jurassic Coast.

The Legacy Trail is part of Natural England's Access to Nature Wild About Weymouth and

Portland Partnership Project and it is hoped

to locate new waypoints at Littlemoor-Lorton Meadows, the entrance to the Lodmoor reserve, Radipole Lake near the RSPB Wild Weymouth Discovery, near the Chesil Beach Centre, Merchants' Incline, New Ground car park, Church Ope Cove viewing point and Portland Bill.

Lyn Cooch of the Wild About Weymouth and Portland coastal ranger team hopes people will get back to her with comments about the waymark designs by March 4th on 07973-907760.

Designs can be viewed on the new website www.portlandcommunitypartnership.co.uk by clicking on the dropbox section.

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Staff hike coastpath length for charity - but all in store!

STAFF at Value House in Wyke Regis, Weymouth, are taking part a walk in aid of the Greenfingers charity on March 8th-10th.

Everyone will putting on their walking boots for Garden ReLeaf Day 2013 on the March 8th, which is an annual event set aside for garden centres to raise money for Greenfingers - a charity which builds gardens for Children's Hospices.

This year the staff at Value House are using the theme of the Jurassic Coast and will be attempting to walk the equivalent of the 95 miles of the Jurassic footpath, but in store using a treadmill.

They hope to complete the walk in three days during store opening hours and they will be asking customers to donate to Garden ReLeaf and support the staff while they walk.

There will also be a chance for children to



■ **CARRY ON HIKING!** A member of staff at Value House shows how they will walk the length of the Jurassic coastpath

make some dinosaur crafts in return for a donation to Garden ReLeaf.

Jo Ricketts of Value House said: "Greenfingers Charity create mag-

ical gardens for children's hospices around the country and these gardens can help transform the lives of life limited children.

"We would like to see as many people as possible coming in to support us and raise as much money as we can for a great charity. There will

also be a craft area for children who can follow the theme of the Jurassic Coast by creating some dinosaur arts and crafts."



■ **RECOGNITION:** John Pearce with Alf's

Another award for Alf's chippie

AWARD-winning Alf's fish and chip shop in Weymouth has collected another honour.

This time owners John and Karen Pearce won the Contribution to the Local Community Award in the 2013 National Fish and Chip Shop Awards organised by Seafish.

John went up to London where he was presented with the award by TV star Rory Bremner in a ceremony in front of more than 600 people in the Lancaster Hotel.

John said: "It is a great honour but we couldn't have done it without the support of our locals.

"This year we will be collecting for our pensioner's trip to Somerset and to support prostate cancer research."

Crossing to be moved

A SCHOOL crossing in patrol in Weymouth is to be moved.

Dorset County Council is changing Buxton Road's school crossing patrol point after the school holidays so it is closer to Cross Road.

Work is taking place during half-term to remove the dropped kerbs, tactile paving and safety railings from the existing crossing point outside White Cross flats and relocate them around 75 metres along Buxton Road towards White Cross Drive.

The more centralised crossing point aims to encourage more parents to use the school crossing patrol.

County senior road safety technician Rob Camp said: "There have been increasing concerns raised by Holy Trinity Primary School and parents about the safety of crossing Cross Road.

"Many parents already cross at this point on Buxton Road rather than walk further up to the crossing patrol.

"By relocating the existing crossing point, we will be providing a single crossing point for everyone wanting to cross Buxton Road during school times.

"Parents and children will also only have to cross one road as the new crossing will place pedestrians on the school side of Cross Road.

"I'd also like to remind drivers that, as stated in the Highway Code, they must stop when a 'stop for children' sign is displayed."

A 'school keep clear' marking will also be introduced on Buxton Road near the entrance of Cross Road.

Parents are also being asked to park responsibly and avoid parking over dropped kerbs in the area.

Give or take day

RESIDENTS are being invited to attend a special Give or Take Day at the Willowbed Hall in Chickerell on Saturday March 9th from 9.30am-noon.

The event enables people to bring along any unwanted items including working electrical which still have a useful life instead of throwing them away in landfill.

The items are then displayed on tables and anyone who wants anything can take it away free of charge.

Weymouth and Portland recycling and waste management Anna Beech said this both helped the environment by reducing the amount sent to landfill while also giving visitors a chance to pick up something they could give a new lease of life to.

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Pub's gift for RNLI

A WEYMOUTH pub has presented the RNLI with a cheque for £500.

Mike and Ellie Carter from the Globe Inn hosted a night for the crew of Weymouth's RNLI lifeboat crew and presented them with a donation of £500 for the RNLI. The money was raised by customers taking part in a series of raffles and a bonus ball game.

Weymouth lifeboat management group head Tony Beeson said: "I would like to thank Mike and Ellie for their support. The money will be put to good use at the lifeboat station. The RNLI is always pleased to receive the support of the local community and local businesses."



■ **GLOBE INN** landlord Mike Carter hands over £500 to RNLI lifeboat Coxswain Andy Sargent

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please contact Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk



■ **CORPORAL Sam Newland** (standing) helps with a map reading class

MORE than 60 army cadets, from Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Bridport and Beaminster, have tackled a proficiency weekend in Dorchester and Bovington.

The cadets tried their hand at everything from rifle drill to map reading.

Among instructors was Sgt Mike Pitman who explained that all cadets go through a specialist training programme.

He said: "When they arrive they know nothing and are as green as grass, so it is our job to make them feel welcome and to encourage them on their first steps along the military road."

"As they grow more and more pro-

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ficient, they advance through a one star rating to two, three and ultimately four star.

"The weekend saw some of the more senior cadets travel to Bovington to practice shooting while an equal number stayed at Army Cadet Force HQ in Dorchester where they practised map reading, first aid and physical training."

He added that about four such training weekends are held every year together with an annual camp which for 2013 will be on the other

side of the country near Dover.

More than 100 cadets from many parts of South and West Dorset regularly attend ACF training events and numbers are increasing all the time with Portland and Dorchester both sharply up.

Sgt Pitman said: "If anyone aged 13 and over would like to join a local ACF detachment then all they have to do is go along to their local centre."

"The Portland detachment is based near the Keep Gallery between the Heights and Easton Square while the Weymouth detachment is based at Chickerell Camp.

"Both meet on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm."

Gallery 10th anniversary shows images of Gwen

WEYMOUTH'S Leighton Art Gallery is celebrating its tenth anniversary with an exhibition of new paintings by Martin Leighton portraying a personal view of his model Gwen.

'A Personal View: Images of Gwen' underlines the challenge he faces to translate the sensuality of the female form and the ever fleeting moment of mood and atmosphere.

Capturing light is essential to enhance the image and the challenge to transpose emotions and femininity to the canvas enables Martin to touch on the poignancy of personal moments and the inter-relationships that occur.

Martin aims to make his paintings as realistic and evocative as possible, his inspiration being the beauty and sensuality of women rather than their sexuality.

Gwen, who was born with only one hand, has sat for many paintings for Martin over several years.

Martin said: "The skill of the artist is to see beyond her disability and show Gwen's natural beauty in many forms."

The exhibition will run from March 23rd-April 7th, opening from 10pm-5pm Monday-Friday and 11pm-4pm Saturday-Sunday.



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Continued success sees JLAC open new premises

THIS Friday J Larcombe Architectural Consultant will be celebrating two years in business.

Jim started his career at the age of 16 working for a well-established Architectural Practice in Dorchester. Having completed his ONC in Building Studies, Jim,

turned his attention to his HNC and trying to find work closer to home. He moved onto a smaller practice in Beaminster gaining more valuable experience and completing his qualifications.

In March 2011, Jim made the big step to go it alone and set up JLAC in his hometown of Lyme Regis.

This has turned out to be a very successful step. With an ever increasing client base and good local knowledge, Jim has now taken on over 120

projects, with the majority of work coming in West Dorset, East Devon, South Somerset, but also the odd project from further afield, with work presently going as far as Buckinghamshire.

In Late January 2013, a new office premises was opened at 44 Church Street, Lyme Regis, where you will find Jim and some of his freelance staff.

In the past two years Jim has taken on a wide range of projects ranging from kitchen extensions, to barn conversions, new builds and was part of the team of consultants

to gain outline planning permission for the new school in Uplyme, Devon.

With a wide range of contacts to call upon, when required, Jim can take on any size project whether its a new porch, or a housing Development, Jim will always be interested. At JLAC, distance is never a problem, and as long as travelling costs can be covered, the work will be welcome.

Jim is always on the look out for more freelance staff, with Architectural Technicians high on his list at the moment. If you have

been looking to team up with an Architectural Practice, Jim will be willing to explore the possibility.

Jim would also like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that has helped him in the last year: "Whether it's recommendations, advice, or simply giving me the opportunity to work with you as clients. Most of all I'd like to thank my family, friends and girlfriend, who have stood by me all the way through."



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"We were looking for a local architect and approached Jim as we liked planning applications that he had submitted for other local properties. We instantly warmed to Jim as he listened carefully to list of needs and type of architecture we liked and was able to offer his own ideas and suggestions. It showed how in tune he was with what we wanted as the initial plans he came up with are not too dissimilar to the plans ultimately submitted. After a couple of discussions we had plans that offered the contemporary family home that will work for us. We realised that our plans to convert a 70s style bungalow into a modern, contemporary family home were ambitious and so gave Jim a time frame of one year to obtain planning permission. We actually got planning permission in just a few months and it was an incredibly stress free process. Jim has created for us plans for home that will look amazing from the outside using a range of materials and has created an internal layout that will function brilliantly as a busy family home by the sea. We are keen to continue our relationship with Jim and have him project manage the build and would have no hesitation in recommending him to anyone looking for a local architect."

A. East, Lyme Regis

"We have just started work with Jim on an extension to our house. We chose him because he came well prepared, listened to us and had some really interesting ideas."

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A NEW cafe is to open at the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre on March 18th.

Dorset Wildlife Trust said that Todd and Louise Moffat, owners of the popular Taste café-bistro in Trinity Street, Dorchester, will be launching a new cafe at the recently rebuilt visitor and wildlife centre.

Trust operations director Brian Bleese said: "We are absolutely delighted to be able to announce this news. We are confident that the new cafe will be the perfect complement to the Chesil Beach Centre and allow wildlife lovers, visitors, cyclists and local walkers alike to enjoy good, fresh food while watching the extraordinary wildlife and views of this unique Jurassic Coast location."

Louise Moffat said: "Todd and I are very excited about opening the new Taste cafe."

"We are really looking forward to working in partnership with the Dorset Wildlife Trust while providing great food and service to all the centre visitors and the wider community of Weymouth and Portland."

The Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre is a partnership between Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Café opening hours will be every day from 10am. For more information, ring 01305 206191 or visit dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/chesil-centre.



Volunteers needed for beach centre

CHESIL BEACH CENTRE: Volunteers Nancy Sheppard and Catherine Brew

DORSET Wildlife Trust is calling for more volunteers to help run the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre.

The wildlife and visitor centre reopened last year after extensive rebuilding and aims to help local people and visitors alike discover the extraordinary natural heritage of its unique Jurassic Coast location.

The centre has an exhibition space, classroom and shop as well as a separately run café area and new displays are to be installed this spring ahead of a formal opening.

Volunteers act as "front of house" for the centre, meeting and greeting visitors,

running the shop and helping keep an eye on the local wildlife.

It will be a busy year for the expanded centre with several major events, increasing numbers of schools visits and growing numbers of visitors learning about Chesil, the Fleet Lagoon and the surrounding area.

DWT Discover Chesil officer Emily Brown said: "Chesil Beach and its lagoon are very special places for wildlife and geology and we try to communicate this to our huge range of visitors."

"No experience is necessary – all training is provided. All you need is an

appreciation and enthusiasm for the local area and to like talking to people. Come and join us!"

Long term volunteer Jenny Harris, from Weymouth, added: "It is a lovely place to come and enjoy the peace and wonderful views and to meet interesting people."

The next volunteer training session is today, Thursday February 28th from 3.30pm-6 pm. To find out more, please contact Emily Brown on ebrown.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or phone 01305 206191. The centre is open from 10am to 4pm every day and the new cafe opens on March 18th.

A LITTER pick is to be held along the Fleet foreshore on Saturday March 9th from 10am-noon. Marshals will give out bags and instructions and those taking part are advised to wear suitable footwear and bring gloves.

Areas being tackled include Tidmoor Cove where people should meet Tidmoor Farm, Charlestown, parking on the B3157, DT3 4DN (SY650794).

Those going to Pirates Cove area should meet at the top of Pirates Lane (SY660773) and park around Westhill Road while those working at Ferrybridge should meet by the Crab House Café (SY666763) at the end of Fisherman's Way.

For more information please telephone the Chesil Beach Centre on 01305 206191.

Cycleway extension plans go on show

AN exhibition has been held to detail the second phase of a cycle path from Ferrybridge in Weymouth to Portland.

The opening phase of the scheme was built last year from Ferrybridge to the Chesil Beach Centre.

Now Dorset County Council has displayed its plans for the second phase which will stretch from the centre to the Hamm Beach roundabout.

A final third phase of works will eventually extend the cycle path in to Victoria Square.

The exhibition was led by county project engineer Bill Green who said: "We are looking to create a minimum 2.5-metre-wide shared use footway-cycleway."

"It forms part of what will eventually be a continuous link from Portland to Dorchester."

"The exhibition showed the scheme for phase two and the outline scheme for the final phase three."

"It was an informative exhibition rather than a consultation, an event held to keep people up to date with what we are doing."

"It is a particularly difficult scheme because of the internationally important ecological feature we have to bear in mind with Chesil Beach."

"That requires a particular approach and we have had a lot of consultation with Natural England to ensure that, where we have to do work to widen the existing cycleway, it uses land with the least ecological value."



■ CYCLEWAY PLANS: Bill Green at the exhibition

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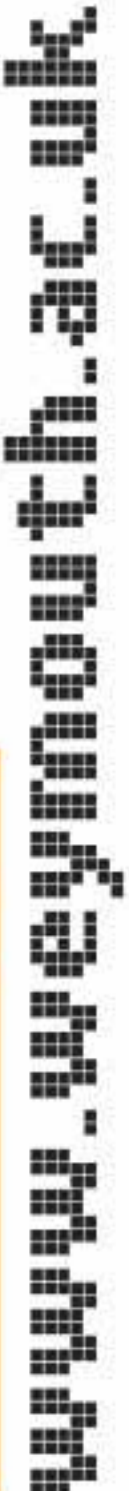
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Traditional Norwegian prawn cocktail, served over a chiffonade of baby gem lettuce in a scallop shell, with marie-rose sauce, tomato, cucumber and lemon.

Mains

Roasted noisette of lamb with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and red currant jus

Baked local belly pork served with an apple and sage jus with parsnip crisps and herb Maris piper potatoes

Chicken supreme served with a wild mushroom, bacon, Dijon mustard and white wine cream sauce, sauté potatoes and vegetables

Naturally smoked fillet of fresh haddock served over creamy herb mash with a lightly poached egg and finished with cheddar cheese sauce

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Can summer stop the rot?

WHAT price the empty properties which seem to be turning Weymouth's welcome smile into a gap-toothed grin?

It's almost impossible now to stroll the streets for any length of time without walking past someone's faded commercial dream.

It is a bit like a jungle. All the mighty trees are shops but, when one crashes to earth, the gap it creates is swiftly papered over.

In the jungle this happens with all sorts of undergrowth madly scrambling for light but on the

High Street the demise is covered by whitewash, flyposting for events or by signs advertising that the premises are available to buy or rent.

It is like a barometer for the health of a town. The more such signs you see then the louder warning bells should be ringing.

At the moment they should be deafening in Weymouth with shops going down, pubs closing and even the main post office moving to a new and smaller frontage from the traditional flagship corner site it had occupied for decades.

Some people are trying to launch a Business Improvement District, others are doing anything they can to stand out from the crowd and attract a few extra pounds, but many others are hanging on by their fingertips.

So this summer will be make or break. Get decent weather and a good season boosted by our Olympic coverage and economic wounds will heal a bit, but get yet more rain and a roadworks memory backlash and we'll be seeing a few more signs go up.

No women, children or animals first!

BUILDING an ark isn't actually as hard as it's cracked up to be.

I started mine after weathermen told me that January had just been Weymouth's eighth month in a row with above average rainfall.

We're all trying to keep our heads above water at the moment but I thought that was an expression coined by politicians about the

economy. Apparently not...and taking one step outside my back door showed why.

All I did was go on to the lawn which promptly turned to muddy porridge under my feet.

Everywhere is so saturated that even the roads are leaking as runoff or springs force their way through the surface to trickle merrily away

and provide yet another challenge for motorists by freezing to ice in occasional cold snaps.

Never mind. My ark is nearly finished and I certainly won't be standing nobly to one side to allow the animals in two by two either. They can take their chances. I need the space for vital supplies such as a case of gin and a well-thumbed

copy of Practical Boat Owner.

Still, spring officially starts tomorrow on March 1st - and then we've got April to look forward to. Last year was the wettest since 1880, so surely it will be a bit drier this year?

Yeah, I think you're right. Pack an extra liferaft and finish the ark. Sound advice.

Save the mayor's sanity!

CAN anyone help Weymouth and Portland Mayor Margaret Leicester with the loan of a carrier pigeon?

I wouldn't ask but she's at the end of her tether over her dead council computer which recently switched from being her window on the world to being an electronic millstone round her neck.

She has been unable to see her emails, she can't send any, she can't investigate information she needs and she can't even get on to Google.

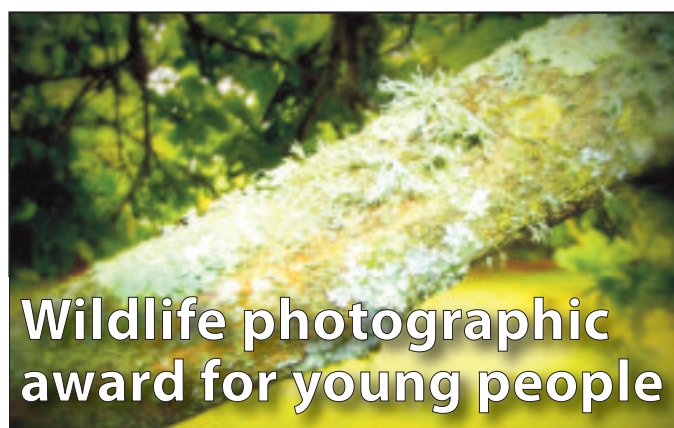
The problem is of course that the many thousands of pounds spent on IT by the council doesn't guarantee that anything works or, when it breaks down, that it will be swiftly repaired in an authority where staff are stretched to breaking point.

Trying to use an expensive expert to repair an expensive computer clearly isn't an affordable answer, so we all need to rally round to support this bird appeal.

We need to act now before people passing the council offices are treated to a scream, the sound of breaking glass and the sight of a computer describing a graceful arc before splashing into the harbour.

I'm sure it can't cost more than a few pounds to grab one of the pigeons coating all our buildings in bird poo and teach it to fly between the council offices and perhaps County Hall or Portland Town Council's offices. And the wages would be, well, chicken-feed.

That way the borough's leading civic figure would be able to keep her finger on the pulse of important decisions affecting Weymouth and Portland without tearing her hair out as "Program not recognised" scrolls merrily across her computer screen. Please give generously.



Wildlife photographic award for young people

■ LICHEN by Lauren Humphries

DORSET Wildlife Trust is encouraging young people to get out with their cameras or mobile phones to capture winning wildlife this spring.

The first frogspawn and butterflies of the year have already been spotted and the conservation charity wants people's spring pictures for its monthly photographic competition for under-18s.

The Pat Dolbear Photographic Award for Young People aims to get young people interested in some of the smaller examples of nature by using their mobiles and digital cameras.

The award is the brainchild of expert photographer Ken Dolbear, a long-standing member of DWT from Portland, and is dedicated to the memory of his wife Pat.

Prizes of up to £25 in Amazon gift tokens will be given to one or more of the young photographers who, in the opinion of the judging panel, submit the best work each month.

DWT community conservation officer Catherine Mason said: "Now is the perfect time to practice using your latest phone or

camera by searching out the hidden wildlife in your local area.

"Try looking in sheltered spots such as under logs for creatures hiding from the cold, or venture out on a sunny day and find an early bumble bee or beetle. We are keen to see pictures of some of our smaller wildlife that is often overlooked, so take a closer look around you!"

The monthly winners and runners-up work will be showcased on Facebook and Twitter and may even feature in DWT's monthly e-news bulletin Wildlife Matters. Some of the images may also benefit DWT's conservation work by expanding its already comprehensive photographic data base of wildlife in the county.

To enter the Pat Dolbear Photographic Award, send photos to photocomp@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk including your name and age and some detail about when and where the photo was taken. Winners will be notified by email. Latest winners can be seen at www.facebook.com/dorsetwildlife.



■ FUNGUS by Hannah Hutchby



■ SLIPPER LIMPET SHELLS by Holly Lucas

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ... by Geoff Treleven

Recognising counterfeits

I was surprised to learn from a Christian television programme that bank employees are primarily taught to know genuine currency so well that they automatically spot anything false. I expected it to be the other way round.

In some shops, they use equipment to inspect any £20 note I tender before accepting it. However, I am informed that, in practice, it is mostly the banks that find the counterfeits and remove them from circulation.

Distinguishing between truth and error is most important in matters of faith. If one is not well versed in scriptural knowledge we might believe the erroneous, leading to all sorts of problems.

In particular, choosing the false misses the genuine. Scripture warns against Christians following wrong beliefs because many did in the early church and such a danger still exists today. But for those who are determined to be immune from error there is a sure way.

Prayerfully reading the Bible and asking God to guide us into His truth is the way. With the help of the Holy Spirit we learn to recognise that which does not ring true.

But, of course, if we never read the genuine, we will not recognise the false.

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk

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Gretchen Peters to perform at Electric Palace

Grammy nominated singer
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Last of the Summer Wine star performs Krapp's Last Tape

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By turns tragically funny and hilariously sad, Samuel Beckett's masterpiece of 20th century drama sees one man review his sixty-nine years with the aid of tape recordings made every year on his birthday.

The recordings made by the banana-loving Krapp reveal the foolishness of a young man, a complex character who, now older and lonely, is reluctant to continue with life yet unable to let it go. It's a brilliant theatrical illustration of the internal conversation we have with ourselves.

The character of Krapp is an immensely demanding role that only the most experienced actor would attempt but Owen's skilful portrayal of him combines pathos with moments of great humour.

Tom Owen says: "It's my first experience of Samuel Beckett and it's the biggest challenge I've had in 47 years of show business."

"There are so many facets to this character. I'm constantly stripping away the layers to discover more in each performance."

"It's an incredibly moving piece of theatre."

Bananas and alcohol abound in this powerful and poignant one-man show about ambition, sacrifice and growing old. It starts at 8pm and Tom Owen will answer questions from the audience afterwards.

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This performance is part of Dorchester Arts spring season of drama supported by Battens Solicitors through its Charitable Trust.



Tom Owen
in Krapp's
Last Tape

Grammy nominated Gretchen Peters to perform at the Electric Palace



THE title of Gretchen Peters' new album *Hello Cruel World* is a pun on the famed exit line — a joke that, like the lovely melodies and deliciously textured arrangements framing these 11 songs — sweetens this captivating music spun from a year of turmoil. The Grammy nominated singer-songwriter from Nashville calls *Hello Cruel World* her "most close-to-the-bone work, written at a time when I felt absolutely fearless about telling the truth."

Explaining *Hello Cruel World*'s genesis, Peters says,

"In 2010 the universe threw its best and its worst at me. Some of it was personal, some global. All of it seemed to demand that I redefine my ideas of permanence and reevaluate what I believe in, to literally rethink what is real."

Gretchen Peters plays the Electric Palace on Wednesday, March 6th. Tickets are on sale now from Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901 or online www.seetickets.com Doors open 7pm / Starts 8pm

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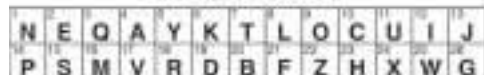
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8. There's nothing in the little wood but a furrow (6)
10. A street intersects unspilt grazing land (7)
11. Smith uses it to make money (5)
12. The image is not working, we hear (4)
13. A comfortable position for a new life, by the sound of it (5)
17. He may be found in a deceitful act (5)
18. Wicked demon beheaded (4)
22. Tempestuous character? (5)
23. This competitor is obviously no outsider (7)
24. Is coming in to - contemplate ill-treatment (8)
25. Call for a replay (6)

Down

1. Descriptive of a medical preparation - variety of paste, I said (7)
2. Simon is disturbed by the sound (7)
3. Bread supplied for the meat? No, just the reverse (5)
4. Where they made by the first P.D. (7)
5. The directors sound unimpressed (5)
- 6 and 14 Down. Not at any time in the minority, in spite of what has been said (12)
8. Produce teenagers in trouble (9)
14. See 6 Down
15. He takes a plane from Moldova to Rome (7)
16. Use an iron to pitch lower (7)
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20. The place for the winter (5)
21. Make up for a frosty note (5)

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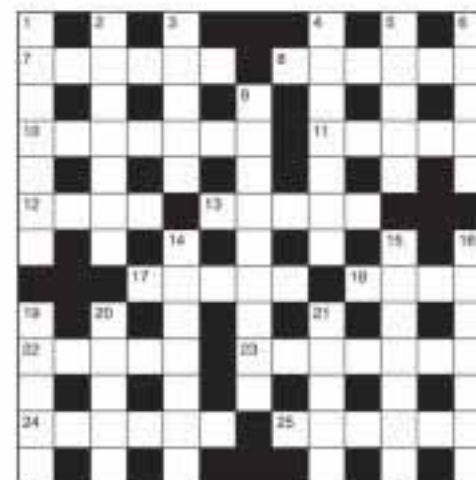
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23. Swain (7)
24. Contend (6)
25. Smoke-stack (8)

Down

1. Pare (7)
2. Clothing (7)
3. Starred (5)
4. Idioms (7)
5. Dull (5)
6. Pier (7)
9. Hopeless (6)
14. Upheld (7)
15. Very old (7)
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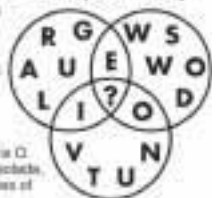
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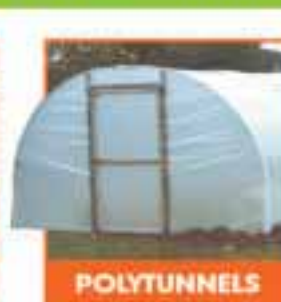
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The Knicker Lady returns



ROSEMARY Hawthorne, aka The Knicker Lady, is making a welcome return to Dorchester Corn Exchange at 7.30pm on Friday, March 22nd with her brilliant Two Act, One Woman Show of the same name.

Rosemary, who is often to be seen or heard on television and radio, combines her dramatic and comedic skills as a classical actress with her knowledge as a respected fashion historian to provide two hours of scintillating, unforgettable theatre.

The Knicker Lady takes her audience on a colourful, two hundred a fifty year jaunt through women's lives, told with wit, satire and sometimes broad comedy, illustrated by what they wore – both on top and underneath.

Described by one critic as "The Joyce Grenfell of knickers" and by another as "having the style and timing of pure comic genius", Rosemary is quite simply unique and not to be missed!

Rosemary Hawthorne brings The Knicker Lady show to Dorchester Corn Exchange, 7.30pm on Friday, March 22nd.

Tickets, £12.50 from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre, 01305 267992 and Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901.

Hotly tipped band to play at the Dorchester Arts Centre this Friday

ONE of the most exciting bands to emerge on the music scene is hot new band SaturdaySun who will be playing at Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday, March 1st at 8pm.

Tipped by everyone from Music Week Magazine to BBC 6 Music's Tom Robinson as a band to watch in 2013, SaturdaySun create some of the most mesmerising and powerful sounds around from their base in an abandoned grammar school in Swanage. SaturdaySun create a sound that is as mesmerising and intricate plugged-in as it is stripped back and acoustic. It's a sound that hints of americana, folk, rock, blues, even grunge influences all melted into a sound that is pure SaturdaySun.

Although they draw inspiration from classic

artists like John Martin, Nick Drake and Jeff Buckley, their sound is absolutely original and contemporary. Their recent Seagull EP has been a download hit, their live performance on WatchListenTell has had more than 60000 plays and they are currently working on their debut album, to be released soon. A chance to catch a band destined for big things at your local venue...

Support comes from Lily and Meg, and The White Bicycles – two more fantastic young bands from the South West.

To listen to SaturdaySun visit: www.saturdaysun-music.co.uk

Tickets cost £7 / £5 concessions from Dorchester Arts 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Centre 267992 or online at: www.dorchesterarts.org.uk



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Vinyl Saturday started in November 2008 at the dawn of the renaissance of renewed interest in vinyl records and made Bridport the first town in the UK and probably Europe to recognise it and offer music fans the opportunity to buy find and buy vinyl records again and other music related items all in one town. The event was that successful that in the following year - The world's leading authority on all things vinyl Record Collector Magazine recognised it as Fair of the year

The quarterly event runs in March, May, August and November of each year and is supported by the Town Council, Tourist Board, Shops and Bridport Market Traders.

Bob Gillis the Town Clerk said for 2013 "Bridport's Historic Street Market continues to be very popular with local people and visitors to the area, with a wide variety of over 100 stalls on a Saturday. This includes a large number of music stalls, which take pride of place on Vinyl Saturday, which has become one of the key events in the town's annual calendar.

As the event has grown so as the need for a bigger venue The Record and CD fair on the March 2nd has moved to a new venue in Bridport United Church, East St and dates for 2013 and 2014 are already in the calendar. The record and cd fair on March 2nd will be the biggest yet with over 25 tables booked and will run from 10am to 4pm, admission £1 or free with the advert in this paper.

Contact Info Roy Gregory 07429 102645 vinylsaturday@hotmail.co.uk

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SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

BROADMAYNE: Mike Denham, a fine local solo pianist with an interesting repertoire of music, will perform a Tribute to George Gershwin and Cole Porter, at St Martin's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets: Early discount £6, on the Door £7, from Carol Wightman 01305 854385 and Corner House Stores Broadmayne. For further information: Carol Wightman 01305 854385.

MONDAY MARCH 4TH

DORCHESTER: U3 A Monthly Meeting including a presentation (with Q&A) on Legal Matters by Christine Butterfield of Batters, Solicitors. Coffee/tea available. Limited parking. All retired / semi-retired welcome. At Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North. 10am-12noon. For more details visit www.dorchesteru3a.org.uk or call 01305 250347.

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group Spring Coffee Morning and Sale at the United Church Hall, South Street. 9.45am-11.45am. Donations of books, CDs, bric-a-brac etc gratefully received. For more details call 01300 341996.

MONDAY MARCH 11TH

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society invite all to an illustrated talk by Graeme Mitchell from Brightwater Holidays, who will tell us about the early days of this specialist tour operator and show images of the wonderful gardens they visit around the world. Meeting starts at 7.30pm and is held at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship AGM in the Education Centre, Dorset County Hospital, from 2.30pm. Followed by Quiz. Any retired Health Service employees are welcome to join us.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH

WEYMOUTH: Junior Morris Dancing Club for boys and girls aged 8-16yrs. 6-7pm at Radipole URC Hall, Roman Road. £2 per session. Also: Morris for Fitness and Fun 7.30-8.30pm. Adults - no performance element, £4 per session. To book your place or for more details call 07813 346819 / 0117 940 1566

THURSDAY MARCH 14TH

DORCHESTER: 'The National Collections of Penstemon and Salvia', an illustrated talk on these important collections by their Custodian and Head Gardener of Kingston Mauward, Nigel Hewish. At 8.00pm, in the Conference Room, Kingston Mauward College, Nr Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50 at the door, students £1.00), please note due to a prior event this is half an hour later than usual. Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and on the NCCPG website.

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD

DORCHESTER: Choral Society sing Bach's Mass in B Minor at St Mary's Church, Dorchester from 7.30pm.

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD - APRIL 7TH

WEYMOUTH: The Leighton Art Gallery, 8 Trinity Street, Weymouth. Exhibition of new paintings by Martin J Leighton 'A Personal View: Images of Gwen' Figurative art showing the beauty & sensuality of the female form. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm. Free entrance. Contact 01305 767475 or visit www.leightongallery.co.uk

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17.00, 19.30**BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE**South Street, Bridport
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Wed: 13.00

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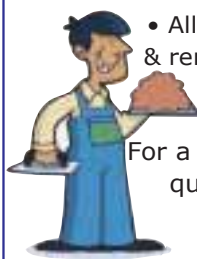
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their showrooms.'

The announcement of the win for the new A-Class has added to the momentum behind the new model which has been met by significant demand not just in the UK but throughout Europe, with 90,000 pre-orders for the car ahead of its market introduction.

Marcus Breitschwerdt, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz UK commented: 'This is

a significant win that reflects not only our investment in innovation but also our commitment to listening to existing and potential customers and giving them exactly what they want. We have an exciting year ahead for the new A-Class, and this is a great start.'

'From the innovative interactive marketing campaign through the style and technology packed into the car itself, to how our network is marketing and selling this great car, everything about the way we're approaching the A-Class is new. This Award is great recognition of those efforts.'

First deliveries of the new A-Class commenced in January following on from a series of innovative and vibrant regional roadshows throughout 2012, raising awareness among potential buyers and demonstrating its bold new direction as well as its advanced comfort, safety and dynamic systems fitted as standard. Prices start at £18,945 OTR - images and detailed information on the new A-Class can be found here.

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Plug-in hybrid provides a realistic glimpse into the future of Audi, as the new A3 e-tron makes its debut at the Geneva Motor Show

AUDI will make all the right connections next month when the A3 e-tron petrol/electric hybrid – capable of up to 188mpg – adds to the roster of highlights on the Audi stand at the Geneva Motor Show. Integrating a conventional petrol engine and an electric motor, the advanced plug-in hybrid offers impressive performance, exceptional efficiency and, equally crucially, complete freedom from 'range anxiety'.

The electrification of the drivetrain, above all using plug-in technology, will play a decisive role in the model strategy of the Vorsprung durch Technik brand. This latest development is designed to give some insight into how the technology will take shape in the Audi models of the future.

A modified 1.4-litre TFSI unit, in this application featuring a peak power output of 150PS, provides the more 'conventional' input for the A3 e-tron. A clutch links this to a 75kw electric motor, which is integrated into a newly designed six-speed 'e-S tronic' transmission sending power to the front wheels. Combined, the two power units generate 204PS of system power and 350PS of system torque, good for a 0-62mph sprint of 7.6 seconds and a top

speed of 138mph. Peak torque from the electric motor is instantly available from rest to around 2000 rpm, and maximum torque from the TFSI engine is on hand between 1,750 and 4,000 rpm.

Equally importantly, according to the ECE standard for plug-in hybrid cars, the A3 Sportback-based e-tron is capable of covering up to 188mpg with CO2 emissions of just 35g/km.

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Greyhound.....	16	17
Pudd Wanderers.....	18	16
Breakaways.....	17	15
Wide Boys.....	17	15
Woodmen.....	17	14
Allsorts.....	17	12
3CA.....	18	12
Slingers.....	17	7
Jokers.....	16	6

◆ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 520 Barry Army, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: 1 Belt (Puddletown Wand) 90.

Section B	Pld	Pts
Heathens.....	18	28
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Yokels.....	18	24
Chimps.....	18	22
Wurzels.....	17	19
Alcotops.....	18	18
Hammers.....	18	17
Essentials.....	17	17
Hartstoppers.....	18	16
Colliton Spares.....	17	15
Swankers.....	18	15
Strimmers.....	18	15
Vic Reeves.....	18	13
Supertramps.....	17	11
Tinklers.....	18	10

◆ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 514 Steamers, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: M.Scotchmer (Wurzels) 83.

Section C	Pld	Pts
Hotshots.....	18	24
Top Pins.....	18	22
Half Pints.....	18	20
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Country Boys.....	18	20
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Plodders.....	17	18
Villains.....	18	18
Swan Abbots.....	18	17
Strugglers.....	18	17
Fingers.....	17	16
Colliton A.....	17	16
Merrymen.....	17	16
Fumblers.....	18	12
Thatchers.....	17	10

◆ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 502 Merrymen, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: A.Aplin (Colliton Flingers) 80.

Section D	Pld	Pts
Wool Misfits.....	15	26
Funseekers.....	16	22
Dribs n' Drabs.....	15	22
Hopefuls.....	16	18
Pudd Nomads.....	14	18
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Legionaires.....	14	12
Chuckers.....	15	12
Shipwrecked.....	15	12
Rollers.....	15	7
Huntsmen.....	14	2

◆ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 493 Wool RBL Misfits, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: K.Legg (Wool RBL Misfits) 79.

LADIES	Pld	Pts
Devils.....	16	30
Breazers.....	16	20
Crackerjacks.....	16	20
Oakettes.....	16	20
Bloomers.....	14	18
Potshots.....	16	18
Woodpeckers.....	15	8
Westenders.....	15	6
Nik Naks.....	16	0

◆ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 485 Devils, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: M.Fowler (Devils), V.Cooper (Devils) both 75.

Section B	Pld	Pts
Forget-me-Nots.....	14	18
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Cornwall Girls.....	13	12
Black Jacks.....	14	4

◆ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 393 Cornwall Girls 393, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: A.Wright (Cornwall Girls) 67.

Mere Town build twelve-point lead with ten games to go

DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP WITH WILL MOWBRAY

Dorset Premier League
Merley Cobham Sports 1 Portland Utd 3
THREE games in hand and only a point adrift from the top of the league, The Islanders secured maximum points against Merley Cobham Sports on Saturday with a 3-1 win.
An own goal on the 27th minute set Portland on their way with Adam Linaker adding to the scoring in the 48th minute. Robert Maxsted sealed the win in the 89th minute while netting the Sports was consolation penalty by Kabba Jack.
This was the Sport's 13th defeat as they stay in the bottom three.

Sherborne Town Res 0 Weymouth Res 0
SHERBORNE and Weymouth played out a goalless draw on Saturday.

A result that leaves Sherborne in the bottom two and six points away from third from bottom Merley Cobham Sports.
Weymouth remain mid-table and face a tough league cup fixture this weekend at home to high-flying Portland United

Senior League

MERE Town moved 12 points clear at the top of the division and they look destined for the senior league title. This was following a single goal win at Sturminster Newton United after they converted a penalty on the hour.
Gillingham Town Reserves lost ground on the leaders when they went down by 2-1 against Upwey & Broadwey. Strikes coming from Charlie Kenderdine and Nathan Aston sealed the win for Town.

Westland Sports moved into the top four with a 2-1 victory against Portland United. Sam Carney and Peter Ireland scored for Sports as the consolation goal for Portland was from Dan Skelton.

Piddletrenthide United won in a high scoring game at Witchampton 5-3 with the Witches consolation goals coming from Dave Perry with a brace and one from Liam Cullen.

Blandford United Reserves moved further away from the bottom three with a single goal win against Weymouth Sports. Match-winner on the day was Ellis Greenslade.

The bottom two sides Sturminster Marshall and Okeford United drew 1-1. Jack Geddis claimed the only goal for Sturminster.
Stourpaine and Kingston Lacy also drew 1-1 with the only Stourpaine goal coming from Dan Baxter.

Division One

CORFE Mullen United made it 11 League wins in a row and moved seven points clear at the top of Division one following their 5-1 win against Bere Regis.

Ashley Ayley and Mike Corbet both with a brace and one for Daniel Flook. Corfe conceded their first goal in 11 games as a John Sanders penalty rewarded Regis for their efforts.

Milborne Sports lost ground on the leaders as they surprisingly won 3-2 at Chickereil with their strikes coming from Carl McClements and Ross Heaton while netting for the Chickens were Kevin Paice, Justin Hoffman and a penalty from John Welsh.

Bridport A moved up into the top five with a 3-0 win against their visitors Swanage Town & Herston with their marksmen being Chris Symes, Shane Evans and Ali Kamara.

The Kangaroos and Merley Cobham Sports Reserves played out a thrilling 3-3 draw. The Kangaroos strikes coming from John Litherland, Ross Foot and an own goal. Netting for the Sports were Christopher Danvers, Jack Clements and Shane Loader.

Wincanton Town Reserves moved out of the bottom three with a 4-1 win against Poundbury Rovers with the Rovers consolation goal coming from Matthew Dear.

Division Two

AFC COBHAM are starting to bridge a gap between themselves and the other title contenders with another win, this time against Gillingham Town A. Cobham's goals came from Lee Madgewick and Matt Dochniak while getting on the Gills score sheet was Matt Gaertig.

Dorchester Sports, now four points behind AFC Cobham in second, could only take a point from Wareham Rangers Reserves with the Rangers goal coming from Nick Bennett.

The Balti House stay in the top three with a 3-2 victory over their hosts The Ship Inn Wool with the Ship goals coming from George Towers and Michael Collins.

Weymouth Spartans stay in the top four after their one-all draw against Portland Town with the Town goal scorer being Luke Braund.

Wyke Regis Social Club moved up a place to sixth after their 3-2 win against their visitors Sturminster Newton United Reserves with their goals coming from Stuart Gould, Andy Bell and Dean Hauser.

Donhead United moved out of the bottom three with a 3-1 win against Corfe Castle with their goals coming from Tom Carter (2) and one from Liam Samways. Scoring the Corfe consolation goal was Lee Turner.

Division Three

LYTCHETT RT maintain a 100 percent record as they make it 11 wins out of 11. They move into second place behind the leaders with five games in hand following their 6-1 success against third placed Handley, Maiden Newton & Catistock moved up into the top five with a 3-2 win against Bere Regis Reserves with their strikes coming from Sam Hocking, Ryan Thurgood and Oliver Foot.

The Belvedere Inn won for the fourth time this season when they defeated Portesham United 3-1 with their marksmen being Dean Taylor, Ashley Hine and David Sowerby.

Sturminster Marshall Reserves leap-frog Stickland United moved out of the bottom three with 2-1 win. The Sturminster goals

coming from Paul Glenister and Stev Newman.

Division Four

BROADSTONE moved back into the top two with a 4-0 win against fifth placed Cranborne Reserves with their strikes coming from Aaron Dodd, Alex Middleditch, James Richard and Luke Gee.

The only other game played in division four saw AFC Blandford stay in the top four with a 6-0 thrashing of Corfe Mullen United Reserves. Aaron Laws grabbed a hat-trick and Dave Cox, David Cox and Michael Gleadell also netted in to secure a comfortable win.

Division Five

PIMPERNE Sports Society maintain a seven-point lead at the top of division five following their 7-3 success at Wellworthys.

Paul Foot stole the show as he bagged six goals, with Dale Hoffman also scoring in a high-scoring match.

Swanage Town & Herston stay in second spot after their 2-0 victory against Lytchett RT Youth with their goal scorers being Jack Hector and Florinel Bujor.

Milborne Sports Reserves moved up into the top five with a comfortable 2-0 win against their visitors Marnhull with their goals coming from Dean Williams who netted a brace.

Matthew Hill scored two goals as Portland Town A recorded their fifth win of the season when they defeated their visitors Handley Sports Reserves 2-0.

Broadstone Reserves moved out of the bottom three with a 2-0 win against their visitors Maiden Newton & Catistock Reserves and getting on the their score-sheet were Callum McColl and Rob Clark.

RESULTS

Saturday, February 23rd
Dorset Premier League
Merley Cobham Sports 1-3 Portland United
Parley Sports 1-3 Holt United
Poole Borough 1-4 Hamworthy United Res
Shaftesbury Town p-p Bridport Reserves
Sherborne Town Reserves 0-0 Weymouth Res
Swanage Town & Herston 0-3 Cranborne
Tintinhull 2-3 Wareham Rangers
Wincanton Town 1-5 Blandford United
Senior League
Blandford United Res 1-0 Weymouth Sports
Portland United Res 1-2 Westland Sports
Stourpaine 1-1 Kingston Lacy
Sturminster Marshall 1-1 Okeford United
Sturminster Newton Utd 0-1 Mere Town
Upwey & Broadwey 2-1 Gillingham Town Res
Witchampton United 3-5 Piddletrenthide Utd
League Division One
Bere Regis 1-5 Corfe Mullen United
Bridport A 3-0 Swanage T & H Reserves
Chickereil United Res 3-2 Milborne Sports
Kangaroos 3-3 Merley Cobham Sports Res
Poundbury Rovers 1-4 Wincanton Town Res
South Cheriton p-p Poole Borough Reserves
Dorset League Division Two

Donhead United 3-1 Corfe Castle
Gillingham Town A 1-2 AFC Cobham
Wyke Regis SC 3-2 Sturminster Newton
The Ship Inn Wool 3-2 The Balti House
Wareham Rangers Res 1-1 Dorchester Sports
Portland Town 1-1 Weymouth Spartans
Dorset League Division Three
Portesham United 1-3 The Belvedere Inn
Handley Sports 1-6 Lytchett RT
Overmoigne p-p Salbridge
Stickland United 1-2 Sturminster Marshall Res
Maiden Newton & Catistock 3-2 Bere Regis
Dorset League Division Four
AFC Blandford 6-0 Corfe Mullen Utd Reserves
Cranborne Reserves 0-4 Broadstone
Mere Town Reserves p-p Portland Town Res
Puddletown p-p Weymouth Spartans Res
Dorset League Division Five
Broadstone Res 2-0 Maiden Newton N & C Res
Milborne Sports Reserves 2-0 Marnhull
Portland Town A 2-0 Handley Sports Reserves
Swanage T & Herston A 2-0 Lytchett RT Youth
Wellworthys 3-7 Pimperne Sports Society

FIXTURES

Saturday, March 2nd
Dorset Premier League
Chickereil United v Cranborne
Poole Borough v Parley Sports
Shaftesbury Town v Blandford United
Swanage Town & H v Hamworthy Utd Res
Tintinhull v Merley Cobham Sports
Senior League
Blandford United v Okeford United
Gillingham Town Res v Sturminster Newt Utd
Kingston Lacy v Weymouth Sports
Mere Town v Upwey & Broadwey
Piddletrenthide United v Stourpaine
Portland United v Witchampton United
Westland Sports v Sturminster Marshall
League Division One
Chickereil United Res v Poole Borough Res
Kangaroos v Bridport A
Merley Cobham Sports v Poundbury Rovers
South Cheriton v Swanage Town & H Res
Wincanton Town Res v Corfe Mullen United
Dorset League Division Two
Dorchester Sports v Sturminster Newton Res
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The Balti House v Weymouth Spartans
Wareham Rangers Res v Donhead United
Wyke Regis Social Club v Corfe Castle
Dorset League Division Three
Handley Sports v Portesham United
Overmoigne v Sturminster Marshall Reserves
Stalbridge v Bere Regis Reserves
The Belvedere Inn v Stickland United
Dorset League Division Four
AFC Blandford v Mere Town Reserves
Corfe Mullen Utd Res v UFC Of Poundbury
Cranborne Reserves v Portland Town Res
Weymouth Spartans Res v Puddletown
Dorset League Division Five
Broadstone Res v Portland Town A
Milborne Sports Res v Lytchet RT Youth
Pimperne Sports Society v Handley Spets Res
Swanage Town & Herston A v Wellworthys

AS THEY STAND

Premier	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Holt Utd.....	22	16	3	27	51	
Portland Utd.....	19	16	2	1	45	50
Wincanton.....	18	13	4	1	33	43
Ham'wthry Rec.....	10	12	2	6	36	38
Chickereil Utd.....	19	10	6	3	21	36
Tintinhull.....	21	11	2	8	5	35
Bridport Res.....	21	9	5	7	16	32
Weymouth Res.....	22	9	4	9	1	31
Wareham Ran.....	23	7	4	12	-1	25
Shaftesbury.....	19	8	1	10	-11	25
Parley Sports.....	17	7	3	7	-1	24
Blandford Utd.....	23	8	0	15	-25	24
Hamworthy.....	22	6	5	11	-6	23
Cranborne.....	20	6	5	9	-13	23
Swanage & H.....	17	6	1	10	-18	19
Merley Sports.....	21	5	3	13	-31	18
Sherborne Res.....	20	2	6	12	-31	12
Poole Boro.....	22	3	2	17	-45	11

Senior League	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	15	14	1	0 38
Gillingham Res.....	15	10	1	4 17 31
Sturminster.....	16	7	4	5 14 25
Westland Spts.....	15	7	2	6 7 23
Witchampton.....	13	7	1	5 22
Piddle'th'de.....	14	7	1	6 -3 22
Upwey & Broa.....	11	7	0	4 18 21
Kingston Lacy.....	13	6	2	5 5 20
Portland Utd.....	17	5	3	9 -1 18
Stourpaine.....	16	5	2	9 -8 17
Blandford Utd.....	15	5	1	9 -23 16
Weymouth.....	15	2	5	8 -20 11
Sturm Marsh.....	16	3	1	12 -25 10
Okeford Utd.....	9	2	2	5 -5 -14 8

Division One	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Corfe Mullen.....	13	12	1	0	38	37
Milborne Spts.....	16	9	3	4	23	30
South Cheriton.....	11	9	1	1	34	28
Bere Regis.....	15	6	2	7	1	20
Poundbury Ro.....	15	6	2	7	-16	20
Bridport A.....	13	5	3	5	-2	18
Kangaroos.....	13	3	5	5	-5	14
Poole Boro.....	14	4	1	9	-19	13
Swanage Twn.....	8	3	2	-2	12	
Wincanton Res.....	9	4	0	5	-4	12
Chickereil Res.....	12	3	0	9	-9	9
Merely Cob.....	13	0	3	10	-39	3

Division Two	P	W	D	L	G	Pts
AFC Cobham.....	18	12	2	4	30	38
Dorchester Sp.....	17	10	4	3	23	34
Balti House.....	15	10	2	3	21	32
Weymouth Sp.....	14	9	2	3	15	29
Shaftesbury.....	16	7	3	6	3	24
Wyke Regis.....	16	7	2	7	-7	23
Gillingham A.....	16	6	3	7	3	21
Corfe Castle.....	14	6	1	7	-7	19
Wareham Ran.....	13	3	4	6	-7	13
Donhead Utd.....	14	4	0	10	-21	12
Portland Twn.....	14	2	4	8	-12	10
Sturminster.....	13	3	1	9	-29	10
Ship Inn, Wool.....	12	1	4	7	-12	7

Division Three	P	W	D	L	G	D	Pts
Piddlehinton.....	16	10	4	2	32	34	
Lytchett RT.....	11	11	0	0	58	33	
Handley Spts.....	15	6	3	6	-4	21	
Portesham.....	12	6	2	4	2	20	
Maiden N&C.....	13	6	2	5	-14	20	
Stalbridge.....	13	5	4	4	2	19	
Belvedere Inn.....	10	4	3	3	5	15	
Sturminster.....	13	4	2	7	-11	14	
Stickland Utd.....	15	2	6	7	-12	12	
Bere Regis Res.....	12	1	4	7	-23	7	
Overmoigne.....	14	1	2	11	-35	5	

Division Four	PW	D	LGD	Pts	
Mere Town.....	13	9	1	3	25
Broadstone.....	13	8	2	3	29
Puddletown.....	12	8	2	2	11
AFC Blandford...	12	7	4	1	30
Cranborne.....	14	6	2	6	-4
Bishops Caun.....	13	4	2	7	-1
Portland Res.....	10	3	4	3	1
UFC Poundbur...	11	1	6	4	-13
Weym'th Spar.....	12	2	1	9	-39
Corfe Mullen.....	14	2	0	12	-39

Division Five	PW	D	LGD	Pts		
Pimperne.....	12	11	0	1	50	33
Swanage Town.....	10	8	2	0	36	26
Kangaroos Res.....	13	7	2	4	16	22
Wellworthys.....	12	7	1	4	16	22
Milborne Res.....	12	6	2	4	8	20
Marnhull.....	15	5	3	7	-11	18
Portland A.....	15	5	2	8	-17	17
Broadstone.....	15	5	1	9	-10	16
Lytchett RT.....	14	4	2	8	-16	14
Handley Res.....	15	3	2	10	-44	11
Maiden N&C.....	11	2	1	8	-28	7

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SCRUM DOWN - News from Dorchester and Puddletown

With Will Mowbray

Puddletown bounce back in style with 10-try victory

West Dorset Youth Indoor Cricket

Portland U10 129-4
beat Weymouth 128-3
BY 2 WKTS

WITH both teams in with a chance of winning the league, this game went down to the wire and produced a game that would have graced any tournament.

Portland got off to a great start with Owen Lovett dismissing G Price for a duck in the first over.

Sapsworth (26no) and Anderson (27no) led a great fight back and progressed the score with a good stroke play and running against a Portland attack that made the batsman work for each and every run.

Both A Bishop (7) and C Price (7) were run-out as Portland applied pressure, but the returning Sapsworth and Anderson plundered 22 runs of the final over as five-man Weymouth posted a target of 129.

With Portland sportingly lending Weymouth a fielder, Portland's openers Owen Harrison (31no) and William Cotter (4) began well, scoring 14 of the first over.

Weymouth struck back with Price dismissing Cotter. This was to be Weymouth's only success for a while as Harrison and Owen Lovett (24) put Portland on top with a stand of 48 runs.

Price returned and dismissed both Lovett and Durrant as the game built to a thrilling finale.

Harry Mitchell (10) and Micheal Dunning (6) on his debut kept the runs ticking over and as the final over started Portland needed 13 to win.

A first ball dot ball from the impressive Price added to the tension.

Two balls and seven runs later all was still to play for and when the next ball resulted in a run out Weymouth appeared to have the advantage.

However a well run three off the next ball meant three were needed off the last ball, and Harrison held his nerve with a four to give Portland victory.

League co-ordinator Grant Neven praised all the players and supporters concerned with this match.

"Portland's sportsmanship in lending Weymouth a fielder in a title decider sums up the nature of this league.

Cerne Valley U12 143-0 beat Weymouth 99-4 by 44 runs.

CERNE sealed the under12's title with victory over Weymouth as once again sportsmanship was at the forefront.

Weymouth found themselves with only four players, but Owen Lovett (Portland) and Freddie Williams (Cerne) volunteered to make up the numbers.

Cerne's batsman S Williams (27no), Tao White (31no), M Quick (25no), Taylor (4no) and Grey (7no) didn't have it all their own way as they were made to work hard for their runs.

Set 145 for victory Weymouth's openers Pete Sapsworth (28no) and C Price (12) played some sublime strokes in a partnership of 50 but never got on top of a well drilled Cerne side.

Cerne's bowlers gave very little away and, despite a battling 21 not out from Williams, Weymouth fell 44 runs short.

MAGPIES AND TERRAS REPORTS

Poppies crushed as Terras go on rampage

with Stuart Broom

Kettering Town 1 Weymouth 6

Wednesday, February 20th

Evo-Stik SOUTH PREMIER - ATT: 187

DESPITE conceding a second minute goal after arriving less than an hour before kick-off, Weymouth settled to hit six past a Kettering Town side who are doomed to relegation.

The Poppies who have slid down the pyramid since challenging for league status in 2008 are in a sorry state both on and off the field. They came into the game having gone through four managers in the last year, and 13 points from safety having been beaten in their last seven games.

However they stunned the Terras by taking a second minute lead when Lewis Wilson forced the ball over the line after Pat Noubissie's header from a corner had been blocked on the line.

Weymouth quickly established parity five minutes later when Ben Joyce caught Poppies keeper Yannick Nlate out with a lob, and Mark Ford had the easy task of noddng the ball into an empty net.

Chris Logan could have put the hosts back in front on 17 minutes but his header was straight at Terras' keeper Simon Evans.

Terras took the lead midway through the half when his Logan's intended clearance ricocheted off Joyce to Ford, who was presented with another easy task.

Ed Palmer increased Weymouth's lead on 34 minutes when he converted a free-kick at the far post against his former club.

Just before the break Michael King should have reduced the deficit but his header from close in lacked power and direction.

Kettering came out with more purpose at the start of the second half and they launched several attacks on the Terras' goal; their best chance being when King broke through on goal just before the hour, but Evans did well to save his shot.

Three minutes later their chances of a

comeback were dashed when Nlate completely missed Barry McConnell's cross allowing Stephen Reed an easy header for Weymouth's fourth.

Substitute, Louis Hamilton looked lively when he came on for the Poppies and his corner from the left on 84 minutes came off the crossbar, but Weymouth rubbed salt into the wounds with two late goals.

Sub Matt Groves poked home Dan Smith's cross with Nlate once again at fault, before Joyce added the sixth two minutes from time when he converted Groves' pass.

The win sees Weymouth stay eight just two points off an Evo-Stik South Premier Division play-off place.

Moore returns to haunt Tinmen

Truro City 1 Dorchester Town 2

Tuesday, February 19th

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH - ATT: 314

KIEFFER Moore returned to Treyew Road just a week after leaving Truro City and scored the goals that saw Dorchester consolidate their mid-table position in Blue Square South, and condemn his old club to send them closer to relegation.

The striker opened the scoring midway through the first-half and then snatched the winner three minutes from time after the Tinmen had drawn level.

Without the injured Ben Watson, Charlie Clough was once again pushed up front to support Moore, whilst skipper Mark Jermyn and Nathan Walker returned to the starting line-up.

Jason Matthews, under threat after the signing of Liechtenstein international keeper Benjamin Büchel on loan from AFC Bournemouth, was forced into an excellent save on five minutes when He did well to turn Martin Watts' dipping swerving 25-yard free-kick over the crossbar.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: Colliton Hopefuls 5 Trinity M 4, Collitob Club B 4 WDC Whipping Boys 3, Trinity Express 3 Colliton XQ2012 5, Purbeck Potters 4 Colliton Cons 3.

30+ breaks: N.Joslin 32.

Top Break of the Season: Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) 49.

Table (after week 19)	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club C.....	14	9	1	4	0	67
West Dorset Club A.....	14	9	0	5	0	65
Trinity M.....	15	7	2	6	0	62
Colliton Cons.....	15	10	0	5	0	60
Trinity Express.....	17	7	1	9	0	60

Purbeck Potters.....	15	8	0	7	0	59
Colliton Hopefuls.....	17	8	0	9	0	59
Trinity Gooduns.....	16	6	1	9	0	58
Colliton Club B.....	16	8	1	7	0	52
Colliton XQ2012.....	16	7	0	9	0	51
WDC Whipping Boys.....	17	4	0	13	0	40

Team Open Knockout Cup Final

Colliton Cons v West Dorset Club C - March 18th at Trinity Club.

Team Open Handicap Cup Final

West Dorset Club C v Trinity M to be played at Colliton Club on March 7th.

WEYMOUTH RUGBY ROUND-UP

Sunk by Supermarine

SUPERMARINE 26 WEYMOUTH 24

WEYMOUTH were sunk by a controversial penalty try awarded to Supermarine ten minutes that time that gave the bottom-of-the-table hosts only their second win of the season.

Seasiders coach Paul Harding said: "It was a very debatable penalty try that was given. We were leading 24-19 at the time and looked as though we would win, but in the end they hung on for victory."

Weymouth travelled to Swindon with a weakened side but had in a game that ebbed and flowed looked to complete the double over their hosts who had taken the lead with a penalty.

However, Craig Barter scored the first of four tries for Weymouth but Supermarine went over to regain the advantage.

Weymouth then hit back with tries from Will Quick, who then had to be replaced due to a leg injury, and Joe Gibson to give them a comfortable interval lead.

The hosts, despite their position, did not give in and hit back with a penalty and converted try before Nick Sheppard converted his own try to lead again 24-19.

Then came the penalty try award from which Weymouth could not recover.

Harding said: "The injury to Will Quick was a big loss and hampered us somewhat and we didn't play as well as we can, but to be fair they were up for it and wanted it a bit more than we did."

Southern Counties South table

	Pld	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Devizes.....	17	15	0	2	298	72
Trowbridge.....	17	14	0	3	357	62
Sherborne.....	17	13	0	4	310	61
Wimborne.....	14	10	0	4	343	48
Frome.....	17	10	0	7	33	48
DORCHESTER.....	16	8	0	8	40	42
Corsham.....	17	7	0	10	-69	38
Wootton Bassett.....	17	7	0	10	9	34
WEYMOUTH.....	16	6	0	10	-79	33
Walcot.....	17	4	0	13	-264	21
Oakmedians.....	16	3	0	13	-307	17
Supermarine.....	17	2	0	15	-671	8

WEYMOUTH GOLF

Margaret takes a breather

MARGARET Allen is taking a well-earned break from her commitment to the Ladies' Section at Weymouth Golf Club.

She joined the club in 1984 and has been an invaluable member of the Ladies' Section Committee since 1988 when she was in charge of Eclectic competitions.

Back then details were entered by hand, an enjoyable but time consuming task.

Margaret was re-elected to the committee in 2005 as publicity officer and in 2006 took over as ladies' captain when the vice-captain relocating leaving the captain's position vacant.

It was in this year that she also took on the responsibility of captaining the Beales team.

After her year in office as captain, Margaret was invited back on the committee in 2007 as an ex-officio member and was the honorary secretary for the section in 2008 and 2009.

On relinquishing this post, she became county delegate representing Weymouth ladies at the Dorset Ladies County Golf Association, a position she has held until this month.

Alongside these activities, Margaret has been the Weymouth delegate to the Dorset Ex-Lady Captains Society and she will continue in this role.

new members welcome

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■ TAKING A BREATH: Margaret Allen



■ THE FUTURE: Weymouth Under 6's, pictured with their coaches Tom O'Gorman, Peter Brown and team manager Sarah Hughes are inviting any interested youngsters to join their thriving club which meet for training on Sunday's between 10.30am and 11.30am. For more information visit the club's website <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/weymouthrugbyfootballclub>.

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Terras cruise after quickfire start

Weymouth 2 St Albans City 0
Evo-Stik SOUTHERN PREMIER - ATT: 586

TWO goals in the opening 16 minutes saw Weymouth cruise to victory and leapfrog visitors into a play-off spot in the Evo-Stik South Premier Division match at the Bob Lucas Stadium on Saturday.

Having smashed six past Kettering Town in the week, Brendon King's men came out all guns firing and took the lead on six minutes.

Ed Palmer threaded a superb diagonal ball through the Saints defence putting Ben Joyce in on goal but 'keeper Nick Jupp did well to block his angled shot with his legs.

The ball found Barry McConnell on the angle of the penalty area who crossed for Kyle Critchell to flick the ball on and beyond Jupp in to the net from six yards.

vintage Ford

Saints did eventually get forward and when Chris Seebby got down the right his

cross to the far post was met by skipper James Comley, but his sidefooted volley was too high.

The Terras continued to dominate however, and they doubled their lead when Mark Ford picked the ball up 35 yards from goal and rode three tackles before burying his 15-yard yard shot from the angle of the penalty area beyond Jupp into the far corner.

Just before the half hour Ashley Wells had to leave the field for treatment after cutting his forehead in a collision.

On his return he almost presented St Albans a way back into the match. Chris Henry fastened on to his poor attempted header back to Simon Evans but the Saints' striker, under pressure from Wells, hooked his shot wide of the near upright as Evans advanced.

With Critchell commanding midfield and pulling the strings and Joyce's hard work up

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front, Weymouth coasted through the rest of the first-half.

Stephen Reed shot over from 20 yards before Sam Poole almost put the game beyond Saints four minutes before the break when his header from Dan Smith's corner was blocked on the line by Richard Graham.

Although St Albans came out with a little more determination in the second-half they never really had any real cutting edge and the game became a stalemate with very little action in either goalmouth.

It wasn't until ten minutes from time before the crowd were treated to the first real chance from either side.

Critchell receiving the ball 20 yards from goal saw the Saints defence open up and

give him a clear shot at goal as they moved to check the runners.

However instead of shooting his attempt to play in unmarked sub Craig Duff failed with a dreadful pass.

In the final minute St Albans did manage a shot, but following good work between Henry and Graham, the latter scuffed his shot wide of Evan's far post.

The Weymouth boss agreed it was a comfortable win saying: "I thought it was a disciplined, professional performance after a couple of long trips, and we played some decent stuff at times.

"We started well. It's something we have talked about, we got on the front foot from the start and got the two early goals.

get the job done

"However, I was disappointed then because we stopped playing. We knew they would come out the second-half and have a good go but they didn't really hurt us.

"We said at half-time we've been 2-0 up in this position in the last couple of games let's not go out and think the job's done, and I thought we dealt with them really well.

"I thought Critch was superb for us today whilst Ben Joyce did a lot of hard work, but it was a good team performance.

The Terras have now won four of their last five matches and King added: "You can't knock that, we are getting to that stage of the season where we have got to take it one game at a time. We've got a Dorset Senior Cup semi-final on Wednesday and we may make some changes as we have to go to Hitchin who are flying at the moment on Saturday; so we have to be sensible.

"It was pleasing we kept a clean sheet today; it's something we wanted. We know that if we can keep a clean sheet, at home particularly, we have players who are good going forward."

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